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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia DATE TYPED 1/28/04 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Overnight Visit Center at Women's Prison SB 297

ANALYST Reynolds-Forte

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 127

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Corrections Department

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

SB 297 appropriates \$50,00 to the Corrections Department for fiscal year 2005 to operate an overnight family visitation center at the women's correctional facility in Grants, New Mexico.

### FISCAL IMPLICATION

The bill appropriates \$50.0 to the Corrections Department from the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 reverts to the general fund.

### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Corrections Department requests clarification on use of the money "to operate an overnight family visitation center." Would this require the Department to have staff on hand all night to manage and supervise the program? If so, the Department would need to reassign personnel. The Department could probably absorb this administrative cost.

The funds could also be used to pay the transportation costs for family members to travel to the women's facility to participate in the existing overnight visitation program and this would have smaller administrative impact on the Department. The bill is not clear on the purpose of the funds.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The Corrections Department requests the phrase "to operate an overnight family visitation center at the women's correctional facility" be clarified.

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